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Subject: September 2 Board Meeting - the San Gabriel River Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Pump Station and Pipeline Project

At the September 2 Board meeting, we will be recommending the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Gabriel River Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds (SGCBSG) Pump Station and Pipeline Project, authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or his designee to enter into a cooperative funding agreement with Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD), and advertise the Project for construction.

Background Information:

The LACFCD owns and manages flood control and water conservation facilities. There is an ongoing interest and commitment by the LACFCD to partner with local agencies to maximize water conservation and groundwater recharge benefits. WRD is a special district created pursuant to the California Water Code and has operated since 1959 to protect and preserve the quantity and quality of the groundwater supplies in the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins. This project consists of a pump station at SGCBSG and approximately 6,000 linear feet of rubber-gasket reinforced concrete pipe and box between Rio Hondo Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds and SGCBSG to increase the LACFCD's water conservation capabilities by approximately 7,000 acre feet per year. The project will allow water to be conveyed by gravity flow from the Rio Hondo to the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds or pumped the other direction to enhance our operational flexibility. This project will benefit the Central Groundwater Basin and LA County residents.

Based on the initial study of this project, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared. This resulted in three mitigation measures, as follows:

Cultural Resources: A qualified archaeological monitor shall be present during all ground disturbing activities, including pavement removal, trenching, boring and grading. In the event archaeological resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, work in the vicinity of the discovery shall halt until appropriate treatment of the resource is determined by a qualified archaeologist in accordance with the provisions of CEQA Section 15064.5

Cultural Resources: Excavation activities shall be monitored by a qualified paleontological monitor. In the event that fossils are discovered during excavation, fossils recovered shall be prepared, identified and cataloged before depositing at an accredited repository designated by the lead agency.

Noise: Traffic control devices, signal boards, or similar equipment located within 300 feet of residences shall not be powered by internal combustion engines or similar noise-generating sources unless it is demonstrated that the noise level at the nearest sensitive receptors would be less than 5 dBA greater than the noise level without the device operating for all hours of operation.

The project is scheduled for approval at the August 12, 2008 Pico Rivera City Council meeting.

Funding:

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$7.7 million and WRD has agreed to pay a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$3,500,000 towards the construction of the project and \$300,000 for a portion of the soft cost. Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Flood Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Subject to the Board's authorization to enter into the cooperative funding agreement and upon obtaining signatures from both parties, we will prepare and invoice WRD for \$300,000 to be paid immediately and up to \$3,500,000 upon project completion, Fall 2009.

Schedule:

We will return to the Board to award the construction contract in December 2008. This project is scheduled to be completed in 200 working days.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Chris